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Evangelism Through the D. V. B. S.

In the July number of THE NEWS I gave some facts and figures about the D. V. B. S. work during the past hot season, and promised to have some further information about this work later. Three more schools have been reported, making the total 45 for the season.

Sayama Ma Hannah has compiled some testimonies from the reports that have come in and I will insert the following as translated by her, with some of her own remarks. If given a chance, I know that the teachers and pupils of these vacation schools would want to thank Sayama Ma Hannah herself for the devoted and inspiring help she has given to them all, and so I want to emphasize here that the success of these schools has been largely due to her leadership.

D. V. B. Ss. are held during vacation time and vacation means a good time. The whole program is planned to fit the life of boys and girls and bring them real joy. One boy said, "I just love D. V. B. S." Others say, "We don't know what to do now that D. V. B. S. is over. Why not run the school all summer." Still, others say, "We don't want the D. V. B. S. ever to close." And many say, "All through the day we sing the songs we learned in the D. V. B. S. Please come back again next summer and teach us more songs, new stories and

games. We all cried very much when our D. V. B. S. teachers left us and we pray daily that God will send you back to us next summer." I had the privilege to be in eight D. V. B. Ss. last year, and in every school I found the children having a happy time. They were learning many songs by heart, were trying to "live as Jesus lived" in their daily lessons and were seeking "the Jesus way of life." Moreover, they were busy with their fingers making useful things for their home. The exhibits of handwork told their own stories of happy, useful hours spent in the D. V. B. Ss.

If you could but have been present when the dear Kachin children participated in the worship period of the D. V. B. S. each day, you would realize that it is a worth-while attempt to develop in them the attitudes of reverence, love and gratitude to our heavenly Father, through that item on the daily program. Now is the time, if ever, to provide for the children of Burma, the opportunity for expression of their highest and noblest religious emotions so as to bring heart and mind into harmony with God's purpose for their lives.

By putting on a real program which interests and helps boys and girls and young people, we secure the good-will and co-operation of the people in the locality, by the quickest and surest way. In non-Christian villages, the

privilege of getting into the homes, of coming into closer contact with those who really are in need of help and making the most of the opportunities to share Jesus with them has been obtained chiefly through the children of the D. V. B. Ss.

Much of the success of the schools is due to the faithful and efficient teachers who have given freely of their time and their talents to the boys and girls of Burma and perhaps they are the ones who get the most out of these schools.

May we quote from some of the reports that have come to us. Saya Gar Pe of Taunggyi, in writing about the Shan D. V. B. S. at Ma Mong Moon said:

"The whole village of children and grown-ups entered into the undertaking of holding a D. V. B. S. so whole-heartedly that the house where we were entertained was full continuously and we worked day and night. Another year, a longer and more organized stay may be possible. The village wants a D. V. B. S. badly."

Four of the eight Karen D. V. B. Ss. were conducted by the young people of the Nyaunglebin school, and they did commendable work. Here is a part of the report sent to us.

"As a result of the four schools conducted, 206 children have learned to recite Bible verses and sing Christian hymns, which they are now passing on to their elders, and they had such a good time learning to do things with their hands that they did not want the D. V. B. S. ever to close. B. Tha Ya, the evangelist in that district said, 'The children will be among those who see Burma won for Christ and will have a part in the winning.'"

The workers from the Maubin District said,

"We are glad we have made the experiment. We will do much better another year. Not only the children, but their parents also showed great interest."

Samo Tun Pa, in reporting about the school in Byandi, says:

"That village is a non-Christian village. But, everyone was well pleased with the school, and many spoke in the highest terms of the good work accomplished through the D. V. B. S. The school was a success in respect to its attendance, its work, its workers and general interest. Even though there was not a Christian in that village, they gave us food and paid our travelling expenses also."

Samo Shwe Aung of another Chin school says:

"We feel that the work was very much worth-while. The boys and girls were very much interested as well as many parents. We are already planning for a D. V. B. S. next summer, and our efforts will be to make it not primarily a larger school but rather a better one in every way."

Miss C. L. Johnson, who went to the D. V. B. S. at Eyya, rendered very valuable service by doing some additional work. This is what Mr. S. K. Banerjee reports about it.

"Miss C. L. Johnson gave treatment for various ailments—

- (1) Number that attended for treatment daily—30.

Kinds of diseases—Itch, sore eyes, indigestion, worms, malaria, ear-ache, etc.

- (2) Fitted 11 persons with eye-glasses—one of the number is the presiding phongyi of the local kyaung."

Ma Thin Tone, who stood almost the entire expense of the D. V. B. S. at Amarapura said:

"I am so happy that the school which at first seemed impossible to have, turned out to be such a success. Every one of us felt greatly benefited, and is anxious to continue the school next year."

A group of workers from Thongwa held a school at Bogale. They said:

"This was our first experience of conducting a D. V. B. S. We had such a good time there that we are looking forward to a better school next year."

Thramu Vera, in reporting for the schools, in the Henzada District says:

"The children just love to listen to the stories. They were mostly interested in pasting pictures into books. The children improved a great deal in character as well as in cleanliness. Before they used all sorts of bad language but before we left the village, there was a great improvement among them."

The school at Panswè had a group of enthusiastic workers and the pastor of the Thonzè church was one of them. The report says:

"We secured the good-will and co-operation of the people in the locality through the children that came to the D. V. B. S."

Ma Hla Tin, who went to the school at Maungmagan said:

"This is the first time that I have been in a D. V. B. S. I do love the children. They are a means of getting us into closer contact with their parents. May God bless them."

The Lisu headman, who attended the D. V. B. S. as one of the pupils, said:

"Please come again. Stay with us longer. Teach us more songs and tell us the same stories over again."

A Kachin Deputy Inspector of Schools, who loyally supported the D. V. B. Ss. held for the Kachins said:

"I am very much interested in the work of the D. V. B. S. My observation of them leads me to feel that they meet a very great need. If ever there was a time when our children and young people needed Bible instruction, it is the present. We would like to have more D. V. B. Ss. next summer for the Kachin children."

The above and other testimonies that could be multiplied make several

things clear about the D. V. B. S. in Burma:

1. Here as throughout the world the vacation school finds a joyous and appreciative response in the hearts of the children and fills their leisure days with joyful as well as useful activities.

2. The vacation school is found to be a real effective factor in character building, through its instructional and inspirational activities.

3. Provides a means for friendly contacts with the homes and the village folk and opens other gates of opportunity for the spread of the message of Christ.

4. Offers our Christian teachers an out-let for the expression of the Christ spirit in service, under most favourable circumstances, both in their work with the children and the contacts they make with the homes and the community.

If you want to hold vacation schools and want any help we can give you, write to Sayama Ma Hannah or to me. Geo. D. Josif.



Rev. R. Sanford

You may have heard ere this of the passing of my father, Rev. R. Sanford on the 31st July. He was 90 years and 4 months. His one desire in life was to help in the advancement of God's Kingdom in the World. His first years of missionary service were spent in Burma; hence his interest in your work there. For many years he has taken "The Burma News."

L. A. Sanford.



Burmese Language Examination

All prospective candidates for the fall language examinations in Burmese should send their names immediately to the Field Secretary, in case they have not already done so, indicating which examination they are sitting for.

C. E. Chaney.

Kachin Bible School

At the request of the Kachin Convention, the Kachin Bible School was opened in Bhamo on June 1. Seven young men were present on the first day and two came later. Four came from the Bhamo, four from the Namhkam and one from the Myitkyina fields. Two are ready to enter high school, two passed the sixth, one the fifth, three the fourth standards and one has never been in any school, although he can read and write Kachin very well and has a good memory.

As this is to be a Bible School it is no more than fitting that the pupils should become familiar with the Bible. I found that not one had ever read the whole of the New Testament. So we planned for a reading of the New Testament once in two months. I am happy to report that they have all read the book once since the opening of the school and will read it again in the same way while in the school.

As the Lord Jesus is to be the center of their preaching, a good knowledge of His life and teaching is essential, so we are taking up His life and parables.

In order to enrich their vocabulary and at the same time saturate their thought with the great prayers contained in the Psalms, they have thus far committed Ps. 1; 23; 32 and 51 and can sing without a book, four hymns.

In order to fully appreciate the religious liberty they are enjoying, we are following Dr. H. C. Vedder's "A Short History of Baptists." Such a course is especially appreciated just now on the Bhamo field.

These lessons are prepared in Kachin and multiplied on a mimeograph.

Since the middle of July, Deputy Inspector of Schools, M. Robbin, now retired, has come to my assistance and also as a pupil.

Five periods of forty-five minutes

each are spent four and a half days in the week in the class-room. On Saturday morning six of the boys fill a car and are distributed 12 miles along a highway from where each man goes to the same village each week during the school year. Two others go out on a bus line. They are taught to take an interest in the whole life of the village. Since most of these people have only recently come out of spirit-worship where all sicknesses are attributed to malicious spirits, they are taught to point out the breeding places of fever carrying mosquitoes and bad drinking water. In this way these young men care for the religious services of eight villages which otherwise have no such services. M. Robbin and I make visits to these places to encourage the boys and point out better ways.

The Kachin Christians appreciate this practical way of linking up the Bible school with the village life; we already have more applications for such work than we have pupils.

After spending so many years travelling among the churches, I wondered how I would like this more confined work. I must confess that I have never had greater joy in my work than in the present. The possibilities are so great.

Geo. J. Geis.



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September Salary Rates

The salary rate of exchange for September will be 307 for the missionaries of the General Board and 340 for those of the Woman's Board.

Olive A. Hastings,

Mission Treasurer.

Shwegyin Flood

Shwegyin has had floods each year of its history. These floods usually occur once a month during the monsoon months, of June, July, August and September. The first and last months have floods that come up with a gentle rise of water. The rainfall is heavier in the other two months and consequently the river flows with considerable swiftness. In general the floods are confined to a narrow limit. The September floods bring down a heavy deposit of silt and leave the land richer and more fertile. Along the river banks great crops of tobacco are grown, and because of this peculiar phenomenon of Nature the Shwegyin tobacco is of a good quality. Last year the September flood failed and the tobacco crop was scantier and a poorer quality as a result. But the floods about which this letter is written were neither the September floods nor were they gentle in nature.

In June there were heavy rains in the mountains which caused the land on the mountains at the headwaters of Shwegyin river to slide. Travellers who came into Shwegyin reported these slides. It was apparent from the colour of the water rushing by in the Shwegyin river that the river was carrying a very heavy load of sand and mud from a new area. Usually during June and July the river clears up in a few days, after the rains have scoured off the ploughings of fields and washed out the creeks which have been dry from September around to June again. The river never cleared itself and ran nearly bank full during July. This was unusual. Beginning July 16 or 17, rain began in the mountains and continued steadily for two weeks. On the 28th at Shwegyin there was about 4 inches of rain. The next 24 hours brought a rainfall of 14 inches according to one rain gauge and 19 inches according to another. These gauges are

several miles apart. The next day showed 9 inches of rain. An hour after the heavy rain started, the river was a mad swirl of debris of all sorts. Soon cattle began to appear. The river arose rapidly, about 4 feet in 3 hours. The current was very swift and went by with a loud roar. The people saw the queer load the river was carrying—thatch, house posts, big trees twisted, broken off and stripped of bark, great masses of plantain stalks, cocoanut trees, big clumps of green bamboo, furniture, cows, buffalos, an elephant carcass and a tiger. They realized that this flood was unusual and began to flee to the higher land. By that time darkness had fallen and with it came several hours of heavy rainfall. The roar of the river was louder and above that could be heard the shrieks and calls of people trying to find their way to safety. Flash after flash of lights from torches and lanterns showed that people were hastily fleeing in the darkness. Then came the boom or crash of houses going down in the flood.

The morning revealed a scene of tragedy. The current in the river was flowing by in crested waves and boiling whirls of mud and debris. It was absolutely impossible for a boat to live in such a flood. Across the river, house after house collapsed and disappeared. Reports came in of whole villages farther up the river that were washed away. Refugees began to flock to the pagoda precincts on the western side of Shwegyin, for half of Shwegyin was under water ranging up to eight feet. In the annual flood at Shwegyin, there always was a flood without a current—just a rising of the water in a back-water area. This time the current flowed diagonally across the town and took out 21 houses and a great chunk of land. The streets after the flood

were piled high with sand. By night-fall there were 600 refugees. Sunday there were 750. Philanthropically minded citizens began the work of relief on Saturday. On Sunday, a Flood Relief Committee was organized. The townspeople entered into the work of relief with remarkable seriousness. The town was isolated as far as getting supplies from outside was concerned. One of the first things the committee did was to ask that merchants and sellers should not increase the price of food stuffs. It speaks well of the community spirit to record very little profit taking at such a time as this. A subscription fund was opened and all sorts of things for relief came in the shape of food. There were a number of bags of rice, chillies, salt, ngapi, green vegetables, fruits, onions, matches, oil, clothes and blankets. Three depots were opened for the distribution of aid to the increasing number of refugees. The municipal president did good work in keeping up interest. The government officers, soon were canvassing the district to find out the extent of damage besides listening early and late to tales of woe and misery. To others fell the task of sorting out the people to prevent hoarding the supplies that were issued. No one seemed to stand on the dignity of their own particular religion. Here was a common need to be met in the fairest and most speedy way. Hindu and Mussulman merchants were seen giving of the stores to haggard and worn country men. Buddhists dispensed aid to sufferers. Pongyis sent contributions to the Christian missionary to help out with his task and the missionary in turn fed some pongyis. On all sides the bars of religion were down. Soon order was brought out of chaos and people began to go back to their village sites to begin the work of rehabilitation.

At the last report 274 families have lost all their possessions. These represent only those who have no house

left. Countless numbers have lost all their paddy bins with the supply of paddy that was to be their food until December and January. Thus there are yet four months before the new crop can be harvested, but for hundreds of these there will be no new crop for their fields lay buried deep under sand, not fine loamy sand, but fresh gritty sand brought down from the mountains. Many have lost their cattle, and as for fields, some just do not exist any more,—just eaten away by the river. Reports from the hills tell of great damage by landslides. At one village seven people were killed. The damage is inestimable. Devastation is found way back into the mountains.

C. L. Klein.



Bassein Pwo Karen Mission

The pinch of poverty is being felt by many of our people north of Bassein. Last year their crops were ruined by high water and now they are in great need. The Bassein Scarcity of Food Relief Committee has been organized and distribution of rice is being made by the township officers in the distressed areas.

Some three weeks ago we gave a concert in our school auditorium in aid of this relief fund and netted Rs. 350. It was patronized by large numbers of the residents of Bassein, both official and non-official.

We have also our own Pwo Karen Relief Committee consisting of both Christians and Buddhists, which is to look after all cases of need which the Government may fail to meet. Sra Shwe Ba and I have visited this area and many of the people are having difficulty to get rice enough to live on. We found one widow lady with five children who had been without food for two days. The past four days of brilliant sunshine is promising indeed. It surely will prevent what seemed certain to be another flood this year. I believe the danger is now averted.

Our high school is moving along nicely this year. We have an attendance of twenty-seven over last year's attendance which made it necessary to hire another high school teacher.

It may be of some interest to the readers of THE NEWS to know what a representative school we have. The records show that we have on the rolls,

Boys	175
Girls	160

Total 335

By races—

Pwo Karens	239
Sgaw Karens	24
Burmans	51
Chinese	2
Indians	18
Anglo-Burman	1

Classification by Religion—

Christians	257
Buddhists	62
Hindus	13
Mohammedan	3

It will be seen from the above figures that we are a representative school and we do not entirely dislike it. Of course it brings us problems, but it also gives us points of contact with the people of Bassein town. Everything is moving along nicely and we have every reason to be grateful. Mr. Charles Taw, B.A., is proving to be a very efficient headmaster. Miss Anderson is carrying the superintendency and I am a general helper which just suits me. I feel that we have about solved the problem of management of our school without any trouble.

We have also had our money in circulation during these days of depression. We have just renovated and completely overhauled the boys' dormitory which has elicited the admiration and comment of many people. It will now accommodate about 120 boys.

The total cost of remodelling is about Rs. 7,000. We had planned for

a 60,000 rupee building in order to keep up with the crowd, but we are glad we did not waste the money which is so much needed for other purposes. The depression has hit us and has in fact prevented us from building this new dormitory, but we are glad for it. We do not need it now. Our dormitory is adequate in every way for our needs and with a cost of only Rs. 7,000.

There is just one more building project needed on this compound. We plan to raise our present messing house to make it two stories. This would give us all the room required at a very small cost. We may get at this another year. The dormitory was paid for with Pwo money and no help from Government.

We are to report also that four of our last year's graduates are now studying in Judson College and one in University College. We are looking forward to the time when these young men and women are to return to us.

Chas. L. Conrad.



Immanuel Baptist Church

It will be of interest to our friends to note the makeup of the Bible classes at the Baptist English High School this term, taught by the Pastor.

Middle School, Standards 6 and 7.

Anglo Indians	..	..	..	22
Burmese	..	..	..	14
Karen	..	..	..	7
Indian	..	..	..	3
Chinese	..	..	..	6
Armenian	..	..	..	2
Ceylonese	..	..	..	1
Total	..	..	..	55

High School, Standards 8, 9, 10.

Anglo Indian	..	..	..	36
Burmese	..	..	..	11
Karen	..	..	..	5
Indian	..	..	..	2
Chinese	..	..	..	5
Armenian	..	..	..	2
Ceylonese	..	..	..	1
Total	..	..	..	62
Grand Total	..	..	..	117

The middle school class is taught on Wednesdays and Fridays. The high school class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Frank Ernest Eden.

Ellen Mitchell Memorial Hospital

The numbers of the in-patients is almost the same as last year. Among these there are many patients that cannot pay the full fees of the hospital and there are still others that cannot pay anything. The income that we get from the doctor's school examinations is much reduced this year also. To take proper care of the patients, give food and clothing to nurses in training, and to take care of other expenses of the hospital is a great problem for the hospital to face.

In our time of need, we are very glad to see some of our friends show their love to us by sending gifts to help out in the work. The gifts mean much to us and we are very thankful for them.

Gifts from Burma:

Bunch of Tamarind—A friend.
Rs. 16 a month—Morton Lane Teachers.

Rs. 6 a month—A Teacher,
Morton Lane School.

Rs. 7—Prayer Band of the Karen School, Moulmein.

Rs. 25—from a Burmese gentleman.

Two patients gave more than the hospital fees.

We have received Rs. 70 As. 6 from a church and a friend in America. With the help of our friends we hope and believe that we will be able to carry on our work here.

During the rainy season, the Bible woman and some of the nurses have made house to house calls in Moulmein twice a week. It has been a real joy to us to tell of the love of Jesus and to bring joy to some of the hearers. Some people are showing their interest by asking questions and wanting to know more about Jesus.

In the year of 1930, we started a Sunday School in Kyawktan, a village near Moulmein. We were very en-

couraged in the beginning. The head-master of the village school gave us his school room and let his pupils come to our classes. The children listened well and learned quickly. A few weeks later the head-master told us that we must keep away from him and from the school. We asked his permission to continue our school if we could get other children to come. He told us that as long as we kept away from him and his children, we could come again. Then a young man invited us to come to his home to have our Sunday School. The new pupils were hard to manage. They did not know anything about school and would fight and quarrel while we were trying to teach them. Now we are so glad that these same children can recite Bible verses and sing Christian songs. Even the very youngest children in the class take part. A few months ago, we started a new Sunday School in Mupon, a part of Moulmein. The children there are eager to learn and very interested also. Some of the grown people show their interest by attending the Sunday School with the children. A young Burmese man from this village who has just become a Christian, comes to the hospital from time to time asking questions and wanting to know more about Christ. We are hoping and praying that he will be a true follower of Christ and through him the people in that village will be saved.

Sayama Rosie Plaw Bu.



Sunday School Helps

In order to avoid delay and inconvenience now is the time to order your copy of Sunday School Helps for 1933. This will enable us to know how many copies we should order from America and you will not be left out when the Helps come. We offer Torrey's Gist of the Lesson, pocket size; Tarbell's Teachers' Guide, and Peloubet's Select Notes on International S. S. Lessons.

A. B. M. Press.

Samuel E. Miner

A cable received on August 29, announces the death of Samuel Emanuel Miner on August 10 of heart failure. Apparently death occurred at Alhambra, Calif., where the Miners have resided for the past six years. Only the past mail brought a newsy letter from Mr. Miner, in which he had written in detail of the summer plans of almost every member of the family. This announcement therefore gives us a sense of one being taken virtually from our midst.

Mr. Miner was born at Morral,, Marion County, Ohio, on July 23, 1877. He had therefore recently observed his fifty-fifth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Miner, with their son Howard, arrived in Burma on their first term of service on November 13, 1911, and sailed homeward on their first furlough January 30, 1918. Their second term of service began on November 17, 1919, and they turned homeward again on April 6, 1926. Both periods were spent with the Mission Press where Mr. Miner served as an assistant superintendent.

Since their return to the States in 1926, Mr. and Mrs. Miner and their family have resided most of the time at Alhambra, Cal., where Mr. Miner had set up in the printing business. They have never lost a deep interest in the Burma Mission and at various intervals have communicated with the missionary personnel through the Miner Matters letters. In the recent letter Mr. Miner mentioned his willingness to return to the Mission Press if there was a need for him.

Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to Mrs. Miner and the seven children who mourn the loss of this loved one.

Robt. J. Journey.

Arrivals

On August 9, by the S. S. *Ellenga*, Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Roach, designated to Prome.

On August 29, by S. S. *Chindwin*, Miss M. Laughlin, designated to Kemmendine Girls' School, and Miss Isabel Money, joining her parents at Rangoon.

Scholarships at Judson

One argument which might be used more with high school graduates, to persuade them to come to Judson College, is the existence of the Cummings, Nichols and Roach Scholarships.

The Cummings and Roach Scholarships are awarded each year to the boy and girl, respectively, members of the Junior Intermediate class, who stood highest in the High School Final Examination among those from A. B. M. High Schools. They receive a stipend of Rs. 20 per month each, tenable as long as they remain in college and stand in the upper 20% of their classes scholastically. Ma Khin Nu of Mandalay Girls' School holds the Roach Scholarship for 1923-1933, and Maung E of Cushing holds the Cummings Scholarship. E. C. Sanker of Union Hall High School won the Cummings Scholarship in 1931, and still retains it. Tan Aung Din of Judson Boys' High School won it in 1930 and still holds it.

The Nichols Scholarship is awarded each year to the student in the Junior Intermediate class who stood highest in the high school final examination among those from Anglican, Wesleyan or Methodist schools. The recipients receive free tuition as long as they remain in the upper 20% of their classes, scholastically. Miss Yvonne Fuller of the Diocesan Girls' School won this scholarship for 1932-1933. P. Dutt of St. Gabriels' and S. Ba Shein of St. Johns' hold scholarships dating from 1931 and 1929 respectively. Miss Fuller stood sixth in the province in the English high school examination and Maung E stood sixth in the A. V. high school examination.

J. R. Andrus.

Convention Number of the Preachers' Quarterly.

It is planned to print an extra large edition of the October number of the "Preachers' Quarterly," for distribution at the Convention. For this year, the Preachers' Quarterly is being distributed, irrespective of payment for subscription, to all Christian workers whose names and addresses we have been able to secure, except of course Sgaw Karens who have their own periodicals of this nature. How long the Preachers' Quarterly can be thus distributed is doubtful. Missionaries are earnestly requested to send in paid subscriptions, for the year 1933, for all pastors, preachers, and Bible women on their fields. I do not mean that missionaries should pay for these subscriptions, but they might see to getting the subscriptions, and forwarding the money to me.

We believe the October Preachers' Quarterly will be better than any preceding number. A partial table of contents, as planned, will show scripture expositions by Rev. U Ba Te of Taunggyi and by U Tha Din, Retired J. E. A. C., of Dinsville, Insein; also the "Book by Book" series, the "Homiletic Practice School," and the series on Psychology. Then there are to be several biographical sketches of Christian workers. The quarterly from the start has specialized on these little biographies, with the idea that reading of the life and work of others, either those still living, or those who have gone before, would stimulate us also to do our best. The zeal and achievements of workers of various races, Burman, Karen, Chinese, Indian, and so forth, often go without merited acknowledgment and recognition.

The first instalment of the Burmese translation of Kagawa's book, "The Religion of Jesus" is to appear in the October Quarterly. This will be the only opportunity for many to get a first-hand idea of just what this noted

author teaches. This is perhaps Kagawa's best book. The tremendous influence of his life and work in Japan, extending also to other countries, makes it highly important that we here in Burma should get something of his message for ourselves, all the more so if we are not able to read the English editions of his books for ourselves.

Other articles, as well as the famous "Pictures from Palestine" are also scheduled to appear.

A. C. Hanna.



Maymyo

Four happy believers, two men and their wives, from our Indian congregation, were baptized by me on Sunday, August 28. They had been under instruction for some weeks and gave satisfactory testimony to the examining committee and before the church.

Our Gurkha evangelist, Henry Singh, is endeavouring to reach the hearts of the municipality-sweepers, who number over one hundred men. It is not possible for them to attend the regular services for Indians, as they are not free at those hours at which Indians assemble for worship. We are, therefore, seeking to arrange for a special weekly-meeting for the sweepers, on Saturday evening, at our worship-hall in the town. Please pray for this new opening and undertaking.

It afforded us pleasure to have Rev. A. C. Hanna, from Mogok, spend a week-end in August, at this station, and supply the Burmese pulpit with an excellent message on "Shining as Lights in the World."

The first Sunday evening in September, our Christian Endeavour Society will have full charge of the preaching-service. We are praying for a large congregation and the Holy Spirit's blessing upon that service.

E. Grigg.

The Kingdom of God Movement in Burma.

The Committee wishes to call the attention of all managers of mission schools to the opportunity afforded by the October holidays for some of the teachers and students in the higher standards of the schools to undertake some definite Evangelistic work. Either in twos, or larger groups, tours can be arranged in which weaker churches can be revived or non-Christian villages visited both to the profit of those taking part and to those who receive them. A number of schools have already arranged such trips and found them most helpful. Will you not bring this matter before your school and get a group together and pray and plan for a great trip full of singing, pleasant contacts and real helpful work? Even if only a small group goes out for but one week-end, it is better than that same group staying at home and merely "vacationing."

After the vacation is over, give those who have taken part a chance to report on their trip and share their experiences with the rest of the school and also send word about what has been done, to Thra Mooler, Secretary, Kingdom of God Movement in Burma Committee, Seminary Hill, Insein Burma.

Other plans of this committee are to have a monthly prayer and conference in Rangoon of the increasingly large group who are now known as "Co-operators." Their first meeting is being held September 2, and Mr. Hilton is arranging for it. Another plan is being pushed and that is for a big Christian festival or mass meeting on the Maiden, Rangoon, on Boxing Day evening, December 26, at which it is hoped all congregations represented in Rangoon will march to the place where there will be community singing, a couple of short addresses and perhaps a drama or pageant. There will be some kind of

an illumination in connection with it.

Last spring in Moulmein and Thongwa, there were held mass meetings uniting all Christians in each of these places for a union rally. The committee hopes that during November there will be some such union meetings planned for both different language groups and different denominations working in various centres in Burma. These will help to develop an esprit de corps in our various centers and help to bring about united prayer.

It may be well to add that the Committee has been organized for the coming year with Rev. B. M. Jones, chairman; Thra Mooler and Sayama Ma Nu, secretaries; H. I. Marshall, assistant secretary and Rev. C. K. Tan of the Chinese Methodist Episcopal Church as treasurer.



Trying New Ways at Pyinmana

Of course you are sending a delegation to the Twelfth Annual Workers Institute at Pyinmana, September 20 to 30. We look forward to one of the best programs yet put on. Ask everyone who comes to bring some striking experience to share with the rest of us. I plan to take up some chapters from the book "Helping People Grow" and hope the workers will read chapters 2 and 19 before coming.

Remember you can get half railway fare concessions for four people coming together by sending their names and ages to me in advance. I will send the concession for coming and get another for the return journey. Those arriving on the nights of the 19th and 20th will be met at the station by our motor truck.

A drama on "The Life of Judson" based on "The Splendour of God" will be given by the agricultural students on Friday night, September 23. The concert by the visitors will take place Thursday night, the 29th. Ask

your people to come prepared to take part.

The heavy rains in early August killed our late sweet corn and the break in the railway for two weeks prevented our shipping the best of our crop. But the rain helped our paddy crop. We have been planting paddy steadily for the past two weeks while our neighbors could do little because of the sudden drought. We have been able to store the water of the previous rain in our higher fields and gradually let it down as we worked the lower fields. Nearly forty acres or half our paddy area has thus been planted.

The egg marketing keeps growing and more and more villagers are smiling as the money from eggs comes into their pockets regularly, especially at a time when money is scarce. They say the chickens are paying the bazaar bills.

In one Burman village where the poultry improvement and egg marketing has developed best we are now starting a campaign to put in bore-hole sanitary latrines. The Health Unit at Hlegu is willing to lend boring outfits to Mission Schools which want to install these latrines. If you could send a man down to Hlegu he could easily learn how to construct these latrines in a few days. Unless there are large stones or quicksand within a few feet of the surface, these latrines can be readily constructed. The bore-hole system will make the bucket system seem barbarous. Try the new way and see.

Brayton C. Case.



Thonze

This has been a month largely of settlements. We have tried to get settled in our new house, and have largely accomplished that. Still we often do turn into a door that is not there or turn to go down stairs where there are no steps or try to step down where it is all on the level.

We are getting settled in the offices two in one. It was easy to settle in the dining room with chicken curry coming on.

We are trying to settle up our correspondence too and if we owe you a letter it is likely that you may get it soon.

The flowers are getting settled in their proper places, and some of them are settling up their board and keeping with fine flowers. We have never had so many nor so many varieties.

We have not had so many baptisms as last year, only 42 by count, but they are of good quality. Most of them are poor in this world's goods but there are not many rich in Thonze any more. Last Sunday we baptized six, among them was a dancing girl that we rescued to her family a few months ago. But the father and mother were Christians of a sort. She seems to be better than either of them and happy in her religion. Much prayer and personal work has gone into this case.

Last Sunday the preacher preached about the great commission. Calling out two recent Christians by name, he asked them if they were going to preach the Good News to others today. After the service was over they went home and told their wives they were going to their old village to preach. They did not get back till the following evening. They said that eleven men had promised to come to church next Sunday and they are going out again. Their neighbors plan to do the same. One of these men was in the rebel camp at Tharrawaddy last year at this time. And so the work goes on. So much to encourage one and so many developments in what seems unlikely folks in unlikely places.

J. T. Latta



"It is clear that in whatever it is our duty to act, those matters also it is our duty to study."

Dr. Arnold

Tour of Mong Mong Field

Mrs. Young and I left Bana, where our headquarters will be till after the rains, on April 19, and reached Mong Mong eight and a half days later.

The first three weeks after our arrival in Mong Mong were spent in holding conferences and giving special instructions to our native workers who came in from all the various sections of our field. There was considerable work also, in paying salaries, selling medicines, and caring for the needs of the many who came, daily, to the mission. Large crowds of Shans from the valley came to visit us every day, and they seemed very friendly. I think with proper effort, a successful work could be done among them. One native worker and his party of five met with a serious experience on their way to Mong Mong, for they were attacked by robbers and badly wounded with dachs. They were brought to the mission compound three days later, weak from loss of blood, and in a most serious condition. They improved slowly, but would have been saved much suffering if they could have had proper medical treatment from the first.

On May 20, we started on a tour of the Christian villages in the sections near Mong Mong. We visited twenty villages, and the Christians from the villages near the ones we visited, came to see us and to attend the meetings and conferences that we held in every village. I preached at all the meetings that we held, and had conferences with the men, giving them special instructions regarding Christian conduct, and the up-building of Christ's Kingdom in general. Mrs. Young also gave a brief talk in nearly all the villages that we were in. She was the first white woman ever to visit many of the villages, and the people were greatly pleased that she had come. I think that our tour did a great deal to strengthen the work,

especially in the large Lahu section of Shan Kai Shin, where we have around eighty Christian villages.

We arrived here at Bana again on June 12, after being away for nearly eight weeks. Travel is never very easy in this section of the country, and if there is much rain it is exceedingly difficult. Our trip up country was quite pleasant, but it rained every day on our way back. Swollen rivers presented a real handicap to travel, and the roads were so slippery that it was often unsafe to ride for long stretches at a time. To make matters worse, our tent leaked terribly, so our nights were not very pleasant ones. Nevertheless we kept well most of the time and were truly grateful to our Heavenly Father for bringing us safely home again.



Judson Chapel Fund

Information has been received that Mr. Rockefeller has paid an additional sum of \$1293 into the Chapel Fund and at recent exchange this should yield about Rs. 4,800. This will greatly aid us in bringing the Chapel near enough to completion so that it can be used. At present the exterior work is complete except putting the glass in the windows and the glass is on hand ready to be fixed in place. The ceiling is largely finished, the asbestos sheets and the teak battens being located. The interior front is being plastered and the side and rear walls are all ready for the acoustic treatment. The Buchanan Acoustic discs and plaster materials are expected to arrive soon. The floor flags are being prepared. Definite arrangements have not been made concerning electrification, though investigations are on foot to find out what it would cost to put in the central ceiling lights at once.

A sample pew has been constructed in Yinma wood and quotations have been obtained as low as Rs. 4 for each

foot. Allowing 18 inches for a person we can provide seats for 800 at a cost of Rs. 4,800. The total amount received since the last itemized statement was made, is Rs. 667-12-7. The amount expended meantime has been Rs. 20,015-5-0. At the end of September an itemized report will again be made and presented at the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Approximately Rs. 30,000 will be needed to complete the construction of the building beside the provision of the furniture and the organ. The more we can get done while the scaffolding is still up the better. It will be a help if those who have funds in hand for the Chapel will send them in soon.

Wallace St. John.



Birth Dates and Names

The office force of the college would appreciate greatly the co-operation of heads of high schools in avoiding the nuisance of discrepancies in birth dates and names given by students at the university and in high school.

When students enter our schools their parents frequently figure out the English equivalent of the Burmese birth date, and one Saturday or Tuesday is about as good as another so long as it is the correct day of the week. This date as given the school by the parent is frequently incorrect. By the time the student enters college he figures out the correct date for himself, and enters it in his university registration form. Then the registrar looks up the date given by the high school and included in the H. S. F. Marks Register, and draws blue-pencilled question marks, circles, etc., all over the paper and sends the application back to the principal, who passes it on, and that's where the shoe pinches.

One or two clerks in our mission schools exercised discretion in

forwarding names of students, and substituted "Yuke Dwe" for "Yulee", "MaCarthy" for "McCarthy", "Htin" for "Tin" and the students didn't care to make the change with the result that the registrar demands Rs. 5 per student for change of name, when the only change was made by the clerks.

Anyhow, we're glad to have the fine Freshman class which comes in large measure from our mission schools (including Methodists and Anglicans in some numbers) and we'd rather fix up their names and birth dates than not have them at all.

J. R. Andrus.



Karen Womens' Bible School

I want to take this opportunity to again remind all Karen lady missionaries, married or single, Pwo or Sgaw, that about six years ago you were all chosen Trustees of the Karen Womens' Bible School, with one Karen woman from each Association to be chosen by your Association.

The Trustees, together with the Executive Committee will meet at Henzada, Friday, October 21, (the hour will be announced at Henzada). We greatly urge all to be present. We have never been able to have a full representative body and do hope it may be accomplished this year.

Pray much for the school and come with your best suggestions. We have had an enrollment of 91 this year and feel greatly encouraged by their earnest endeavours.

Violetta R. Peterson.

"Hospitality must be for service, and not for show, or it pulls down the host."

Emerson.

Plans and Preparations

Dear Fellow Workers:

I know that you are all exceedingly busy. Is there ever any time when that is not true? I fail to find such a time. At this sitting I want you to realize that the office here is planning and working to be of real service to you by saving your time so far as we can.

A cable has come announcing that Dr. Padelford is coming out to Burma this fall, arriving about the 12th November. He plans to be in Burma till about January 1, or possibly a little longer, and he is going to give his time to a study of the mission high schools. Dr. Barbour, Mr. Scott and other members of the Laymen's Commission urged that Dr. Robbins and Dr. Padelford come out this year. The laymen's report will be off the press in October and it will be out here in time to be considered along with other studies. High school superintendents will be studying their local problems and needs in preparation for Dr. Padelford's visit to your school. His itinerary will be worked out in the near future and sent to you.

I have just released from this office factual material concerning every mission station in Burma along with some blank sheets for you to type out your own statements concerning the work of your station and station school. There was also included a map of your section of Burma on which you are to record your occupied field. I failed to indicate that the map is to be returned to this office with the other papers which were sent, but I think you would so understand.

We are filling out a form of general information from the records in the office here, and if only our files were complete we would not have to ask you to do any more than look it over and O.K. it when it is sent to you. However, if you find any gaps in it, you will understand that our records

here are incomplete, and we would like to have you fill in the gap if possible and then return it to us. We shall then make duplicate copies of it here in the office.

Dr. Robbins enclosed in his letter a suggested questionnaire arranged by Dr. Padelford in preparation for his work. I am going to sit on that questionnaire for the present. There is some of it that we shall be able to fill up from our records and from the forms we are now filling up. I think that it ought to be gone over by some of us here in company with Dr. Robbins when he comes out and weed out some possible waste effort in it and make probable additions. There will be plenty of time after Dr. Robbins' arrival to send out a questionnaire in preparation for Dr. Padelford. We at the office here will save your time and strength all we can by doing the work here for you, but we shall of course submit it in its final form for your review and approval or correction.

We were delighted on August 29, to welcome Miss Money and Miss Laughlin to our Rangoon mission circle. We are so glad for Mr. and Mrs. Money that they have their daughter with them. I know there are many other needs in various parts of the mission which are most urgent and what a pleasure it would be to go down to the wharf to welcome someone for each one of those needs. We saw Mr. Heptonstall off for Calcutta to the Hospital for Tropical Diseases this week. How we wish for him and Dr. Grey the blessing of God upon the means used to rid them of all the pestiferous little germs that bother them. We are hoping that the strain left on the rest of the folks in Taunggyi will not prove too great.

This following notice is by anticipation. The Convention opens on October 22 in Henzada. It will be necessary for those going from Rangoon to Henzada to leave Rangoon

at 11 A.M. and arrive at 6-30 P.M., Friday the 21. This means there will be no session of the Reference Committee on Friday. The annual meeting of the college trustees has been called for the afternoon of Tuesday the 18th. Your secretary believes in view of the probable agenda that it will now be necessary to call the Reference Committee for the morning of the 18th instead of the 19th. This will necessitate having the Property Committee and the Woman's Committee meet on Monday the 17th. Since the October News will reach you most too late with such a notice I am calling your attention by anticipation of the vote I expect the Reference Committee to pass in order to adjust all committees to the convention time.

Field Secretary.



Letter from Miss Finney

"My news" is simply that I thoroughly enjoyed my trip to the homeland. I travelled on three steamers: the *Karapara* to Singapore, where we spent four days; the *Hakozaki Maru* to Hongkong; and the *President Taft* to Seattle. Our party consisted of the Bruces, Miss Hesseltine and me. We had lots of fog and cloudy weather from Hongkong on. At Shanghai we had only two hours on shore, in the middle of the night, but thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson of the American School, enjoyed the time thoroughly.

By going overland from Kobe to Tokio, the Bruces and I had two days on shore and spent the intervening night in the train.

We reached Seattle on May 11, and since then I've been having a wonderful time with friends in Washington, Portland Oregon, and here in the Bay district where I'm waiting for the convention. I hope all of you will write every month for THE NEWS so I'll know what you are doing. To-day I went calling at the Berkeley Divinity School, and saw Roger and Beryl Cummings, and had a long and very interesting visit with the Straits. I expect to see more Burma people at the convention next week.

My permanent address will be

Nona G. Finney,
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The Disciple

He that hath a Gospel,
To loose upon Mankind,
Though he serve it utterly—
Body, soul and mind—
Though he go to Calvary
Daily for its gain—
It is His Disciple
Shall make His labour vain.

He that hath a Gospel
Whereby Heaven is won,
(Carpenter or Cameleer,
Or Maya's dreaming son),
Many swords shall pierce Him,
Mingling blood and gall;
But His own Disciple
Shall wound Him worst of all!
—Kipling.



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Ford for Sale

Dr. Nichols has written to Thra Mg Gyi to sell his car. He hopes to realize Rs. 2,000 for it. I was in Bassein recently and Thra Mg Gyi consulted me about it, and I said I would put a notice in the September News and also seek local information on the market price of such a car. I am informed by the Auto Cars (Ford) Company as follows:—

"Ford car, model 1928 two door sedan, sold February, 1929. If in good condition and only run 6,000 miles, should bring Rs. 1,500. They are paying Rs. 2,000 for the new models which are only six months out of shop."

I saw this car on a recent visit. It had been run just under 6,000 miles and is in excellent condition. Once over with a little simonizing would make the car look new. The new two door sedans to-day are priced Rs. 3,690. I believe the Nichols' car is a good bargain for one who needs a car. If this interests you, write to Thra Maung Gyi, Sgaw Karen Mission, Bassein, at once.

F. S.



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